Then we turn to item 446a, which is also referred to and which is repealed. That item reads:

Manufactures, articles or wares, of iron or steel or of which iron or steel or both are the component materials of chief value, n.o.p.

Then item 462, directly referring to this item, or the item preceding it, is also repealed.

Philosophical, photographic, mathematical and optical instruments ...

This is something that I think should be very carefully considered. We are here dealing with photographic instruments, yet we find three important items, covering machinery, earthenware, and so forth, repealed, and apparently indicated in the schedule as being now covered in this new composite item. I sometimes fear that the committee by its action in approving the repeal of an item may be doing something the importance of which it is not fully aware. That is why when we began the consideration of this schedule I suggested to the minister that we should have very full information on the items that are being repealed and dealt with in this way. I know from past experience that sometimes when items in the tariff are brought together for better administration, into a supposedly composite item the result is a very important change in the tariff which perhaps passes without knowledge or full consideration.

Mr. BENNETT: But here we have put in a new item, 288, for Rockingham ware.

Mr. STEVENS: What puzzles me is why it should be attached to this item.

Mr. BENNETT: It is not.

Mr. DUNNING: This is one of those cases where the result of giving the kind of information which has been given in the committee—I think probably I started it in 1930—is to confuse the mind of even as industrious an investigator as the hon. member for Kootenay East (Mr. Stevens). I congratulate him on the extent of his researches, but I have to inform him that he has not gone quite far enough. The items here dealt with under 462a were formerly dutiable under each of the items to which he referred, and which are shown in the sixth column in the schedules as they appear in the votes and proceedings, but dependent upon the kind of material involved and the special matters with which we are dealing. There are other items in the list of tariff amendments with which we are dealing which relate to the same items, and which bring about other changes. My hon. friend will see, if he traces it through a little further, that the repeal of an item is followed by a substitution of something which completely takes its place but in a divided form.

Mr. BENNETT: Preceded in this case by 288.

Mr. DUNNING: Yes. I know of no better way to do it, or in which I could show in a list forming part of the schedule the particular kind of complication which I am now endeavouring to explain. If I endeavoured to print it I am afraid it would take a volume—

Mr. STEVENS: I am not asking that.

Mr. DUNNING: —because the explanation may differ on each item.

Item agreed to.

Customs tariff—463. Magic lanterns and slides therefor, n.o.p.: British preferential tariff, free; intermediate tariff, 20 per cent; general tariff, 25 per cent.

Mr. BENNETT: Just adding "n.o.p."

Item agreed to.

Customs tariff—473. Plates for printing in two or more colours, including electrotypes, nickeltypes and all engravings on steel or other metal, for use exclusively in printing, n.o.p.: British preferential tariff, free; intermediate tariff, 15 per cent; general tariff, 20 per cent.

Mr. DUNNING: Just adding "n.o.p."

Item agreed to.

Customs tariff—473a. Printing plates of all kinds for periodical publications enjoying second class mailing privileges, and matrices, metal bases and copper shells therefor: British preferential tariff, free; intermediate tariff, 7½ per cent; general tariff, 25 per cent.

Mr. DUNNING: There is just a slight change in wording in this item. If members of the committee will follow the wording of the item as it appears in the votes and proceedings they will see it:

Printing plates of all kinds for periodical publications enjoying second class mailing privileges, the pages of which are regularly bound, wire stitched or otherwise fastened together, and matrices, metal bases and copper shells therefor, but not to include printing plates and other articles covered by tariff item 475.

The intent is to clarify for administrative purposes the reduction here provided for, and to make it clear, as it was formerly in the tariff, that it applies to wire stitched or bound publications.

Mr. ILSLEY: I so move.

Mr. BENNETT: I suppose this is another of the items about which the open letter is addressed to myself. This excludes the daily newspapers?

Mr. DUNNING: Yes.